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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
2012 EARTH DAY AWARD NOMINATION

REVIEW SHEET

NOMINATION: Colorado Plateau Partner, LLC

ACTIVITY: ~~Oil & Gas~~ MINING

CATEGORY: Outstanding final reclamation or site restoration

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:



Invite nominee to make presentation in March



Do not invite

REASON:

Although not stated in the application, the exploration area had numerous old drill roads that were not re-affected by this operation but which the operator reclaimed. All of the ~~reclamation was done~~ reclaimed areas look nearly identical to undisturbed areas.

REVIEWED BY:

Paul Baker

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Nomination Form

**Nominee Information**

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**City, State, Zip** Golden, CO 80401  
**Contact Person** Michael G. Leidich  
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**Site Name** Hop Creek S&M  
**Location** S&M #1, Section 19, T28S, R26E, SLM

**Activity and Category (Please check one activity and one category)**

**Activity**

- Oil and Gas
- **Minerals**
- Coal

**Category**

- Environmental improvement to an active mine site, drilling or recovery site, or field
- Outstanding results following applications of innovative environmental technology
- **Outstanding final reclamation or site restoration**
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated By**

**Name** Debbie Russo  
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**Nomination Summary (attach additional sheets, photos, etc., as necessary)**

Ten air rotary holes were drilled for exploration to obtain data to confirm historic information about the mineralization of uranium and vanadium to see if it was economic feasible to continue. A detailed sheet with photos is attached that shows little to no evidence of disturbance.

**Return no later than January 31, 2012 to: Earth Day Awards, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, P.O. Box 145801. Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801. Phone (801) 538-5324 Fax (801) 359-3940. Nominations may also be submitted online at [www.ogm.utah.gov](http://www.ogm.utah.gov).**

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HOP CREEK PROJECT,  
S&M #1, Section 19, T28S, R26E, SLM

**Activity:** Minerals

**Category:** Outstanding final reclamation and site restoration

The Hop Creek Project was an exploratory drilling program on privately owned claims on National Forest System Lands, located in San Juan County. The claims are owned by Colorado Plateau Partners LLC (CPP), a mining and exploration company established in 2008 and managed by Michael Leidich.

The program, approved in September, 2008, consisted of boring ten (10) air rotary holes with the intent to obtain information about historic drilling that indicated uranium and vanadium mineralization to determine the grade and economic feasibility to continue.

During permitting reclamation was proposed per USFS regulations. Any cuttings were to be returned to the hole to the extent possible. Remaining cuttings would be buried in the containment pits. The holes were to be plugged with concrete from five feet to within two feet of the surface and filled with available soil and or soil mixed with cuttings. Any topsoil disturbed was to be saved, stockpiled to one side and redistributed over the disturbed area. The surface was then to be back-dragged with a toothed loader bucket or equivalent, seed hand broadcast and either back-dragged again, hand raked or dragged over by chain link.

Reclamation of the drilling area was completed in December, 2009. Holes were backfilled with cuttings to 7' below surface and a 5' concrete plug poured on top. The cuttings pit was backfilled, covered with topsoil that was stored in berms on the lower side of containment pits and seeded. All equipment and unnatural debris was removed and the entire area was seeded and logs/brush strewn about area.

Photos show little to no evidence of disturbance.

## HOP CREEK RECLAMATION PHOTOS









